



Scaldwell Newsletter

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A Wondrous Gift

by Revd David Bent, Rector of The Walgrave Benefice

This time last year we were in the middle of a second lockdown and preparing for Christmas without the familiar celebrations. Then, having discovered that we would not be able to meet up with our family from Boxing Day onwards, Helen and I made a mad dash to the East Coast on Christmas Eve to exchange presents and spend a couple of hours outside with our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. We then spent Christmas Day, just the two of us with Helen's mum. We live in the hope that normal service will be resumed this year!

During 2021, the world has had somewhat of an apocalyptic feel about it, with forest fires, floods, earthquakes and erupting volcanoes as well as the ongoing wars and persecutions, the continuing presence of the pandemic and the problems of climate change.

By the grace of God and by the ingenuity of human endeavour, we are dealing with the issues that face us, but all of this reminds us that we are not as much in control of our own destiny as we would like to be, that the future is uncertain and that the traditions that we have enjoyed in the past are not guaranteed for the future.

Climate change aside though, these are not new problems, and it was into a troubled and uncertain world 2,000 years ago that a baby was born. A wondrous gift who would bring a message of hope to a world of despair, a message of peace to a world of strife and a message of love to a world of hate. As the Christmas carol reminds us,

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

This baby, born in poverty and obscurity, and spending his early years as a refugee in Egypt, would grow up to impact billions of lives worldwide and alter the course of human history. And he is still impacting lives today with hope, with peace and with love. As St John wrote of this wondrous Christmas gift, *'To all who received him, who believed on his name, he gave the right to become children of God.'*

Your Foodbank Donations

There are many times, on the news and elsewhere, that we hear of the desperate need of people across the country struggling to feed their families and who require help from food banks. In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children*.

For a number of years, the church of St Peter and St Paul has collected donations for the Kettering Community Unit (KCU) foodbank. However, at the start of the Covid pandemic Government guidance and restrictions meant that churches had to be closed. Nick and Dara were instrumental in making sure that donations to the foodbank weren't disrupted during this time and took on the task of enabling collections to go ahead. The foodbank collection box can now be found in the bus shelter on the green and donations can be left at any time.

Donations of tinned fruit, vegetables and meat are particularly welcome as well as UHT or powdered milk. Other items such as custard and rice pudding, alongside staple groceries of pasta, rice, tea, coffee and fruit juices are all appreciated. Also, items for personal care, such as soap, deodorants and shampoo are always needed. **Fresh produce and items in opened packaging cannot be used.**

The KCU foodbank is staffed by volunteers and the outgoing parcels are filled following guidelines issued by the Trussell Trust. You can find out more about the foodbank from their website, <https://kcultd.org.uk/foodbank>.

Scaldwell village has shown great generosity and I'm sure will continue to do so. Collections are usually every fortnight however in December they will be on Wednesday **8th** and **15th**. If you would like to donate, please leave any items in the foodbank box in the bus shelter by 10:30am on collection days.

Thank you.

Rob Dalziel,
The Old Post Office

* <https://www.trusselltrust.org/what-we-do/>

With Seasons Greeting to all our friends and neighbours in Scaldwell



In place of sending individual Christmas Cards we have made a donation to the Northampton Hope Centre
The Charity was chosen by Eugene O'Leary

✓ Emre & Sinead Amirak
✓ Christopher Angeloglou
✓ Mark & Caroline Baker
✓ Paul & Georgina Carter
✓ Annie Curtis
✓ Eddie Cockram
✓ Sue Dodds-Smith
✓ Geoff & Jill Gardener
✓ Nigel & Alison Goodenough
✓ Jane Slinn
✓ David & June Keir
✓ Dylan & Jenny Lewis

✓ Pam Long
✓ Bill & Margaret Marsden
✓ Nick & Dara Masterson-Jones
✓ Jane Monk
✓ Roger & Kathy Morgan
✓ Eugene O'Leary
✓ Karen Pirie
✓ Joan Randell
✓ Rob & Sally Thorne
✓ Matt & Michelle Wharton
✓ Olive Wootton

STILL COLLECTING THE MONEY IN SO WILL LET YOU KNOW IN THE NEXT ADDITION HOW MUCH WE RAISED.
MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL

**SCALDWELL MENS BREAKFAST
NEXT BREAKFAST -
DECEMBER 4TH AT 9.00AM**



We are planning a special celebration for the Queens Jubilee in 2022 on the Jubilee weekend, but in advance we will be having a Men's Breakfast from each of the four countries of the United Kingdom as part of the Jubilee year. The dates are below for your diaries.



December 4th, 2021 - 9am at the Village Hall



January 15th, 2022 - 9am at the Village Hall



March 12th, 2022 - 9am at the Village Hall



June 4th, 2022 - 9am at the Village Hall.

High quality produce is always used for our breakfasts - vegetarian and healthy options are available.

*For details please or call text Tom Joyner on 07771831375.
New villagers and all welcome!*

SCALDWELL CLUB NEWS

As usual the coming Christmas season will be a busy time for the Club and we hope villagers will join us to enjoy the festivities.

100 Club

Because of covid restrictions our funds are rather depleted and the Village Hall Committee has kindly agreed for us to hold the "100 Club" this year. An application form is enclosed and we hope that you will consider joining the draw to help replenish our coffers.

Volunteers Required

The Club is a vital part of our community. It is there for people to meet and enjoy each other's company and it enhances all the village social gatherings. However, the organisation and running of the bar and club events are all down to volunteers and we really do need more people to consider joining the bar rota. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Bingo Evening

We had a really good evening on the 13th November, enjoying games of Bingo and thanks to Dean Johnson and Tim Simons for organising event.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner

We are also busily making preparations for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner on the 9th December, 7.00 pm for 7.30pm. Invitations will be on their way.

Christmas Starters

The official start of the festive season in Scaldwell will take place in the village hall from noon on the 19th December. This is a very popular event and offers a chance to meet and socialise with other villagers. It is the main fundraising event for the Club and we will be calling on you to ask for donations for the Auction and the Tombola. It is also tradition that we all take along a plate of food to enjoy after the auction. All donations gratefully received.

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas opening hours will be posted on the Village Hall Notice Board.

New Year's Eve

We are still in the process of arranging the festivities for New Year's Eve so look out for the flyer.

Dates for your diary

Bar will be open for the Six Nations Rugby matches

Curry Night	-	15 th January
Snail Race	-	19 th February
Quiz Night	-	19 th March

SCALDWELL TRAVEL SCHEME AND BUS SERVICE

Great news received extremely recently that after continual and persistent lobbying, we have restored a bus service to Scaldwell. The 78D service will now be able to call at Scaldwell on Friday mornings and is available for everyone. The service, in line with other bus services, is free for concessionary pass holders and serves Kettering.

I would particularly like to thank Jonathan Harris, one of our West Northamptonshire (formerly Daventry District) Councillors for his effort in achieving this for Scaldwell.

The bus operates slightly differently and at the moment requires pre booking. This can be achieved by using the QR code or details on the poster within this newsletter or on display in our bus shelter. Alternatively, I am very happy to book anyone on as I am in touch with the organisers - please just drop me a text or give me a call to arrange.

This means that our successful Scaldwell Travel Scheme that has been running since 2019 will be under review as we assess the new bus service.

Please see back page for more details.

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All Saints Church Brixworth

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 11th December 4 – 6pm
and
Sunday 12th 12 – 6pm

With CHRISTMAS STALLS
& Mulled Wine 4 – 6 pm both days

Come and make a Christingle in the Church

Free Entry
Donations to local charities

Thanks to Sally Thorne for enhancing the entrance to the village with the planting of the signpost flower container at the entrance of the village. Much appreciated.

SCALDWELL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thanks also to everyone who helped make the Church Christmas Fair such a success. We raised £620.

We had help with cake making, moving the pews and manning the event and, as always, without all the help it would be impossible to organise such events.

Everyone said what a lovely atmosphere there was and one exhibitor emailed to say how charming the customers were!

We should also thank the Brixworth and District u3a who were exhibitors and who gave the proceeds of their sales to the fund. A very generous gesture.

Let Every Day Be Christmas

*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.*

A JOYOUS AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS

TO YOU ALL

KETTERING CATCHER

NEW ROUTE 78D



- ✓ **FREE** travel for bus pass holders
- ✓ **Reduce** carbon footprint & congestion

Every FRIDAY (except public holidays)- First pick-up normally starts at 09:30

TO Weston Favell		TO Mawsley (via Kettering)	
TIME	Stop	TIME	Stop
D	Villages	12:30	Shopping Centre (Stop C)
9:52	Broughton - Red Lion PH	D	Overstone Ley / Villages
9:56	Lake Avenue	12:58	Horse Market (Stop 9)
R	Kettering Station Entrance	13:00	Newland Centre (Stop 5)
9:59	Horse Market (Stop 9)	D/R	Kettering General Hospital
10:00	Newland Centre (Stop 5)	D/R	Kettering Station Entrance
R	Kettering General Hospital	R	Lake Avenue
D	Villages / Overstone Ley	R	Broughton - Red Lion PH
10:30	Shopping Centre (Stop C)	D	Villages
		D	Mawsley

R = Request only for alighting

D = On-Demand section, pre-booked only

Fare - Adult Single

We take exact cash fare & contactless payment.

Weston Favell

£	3.50	Holcot/Overstone							
£	4.00	£	3.50	Old/Walgrave/Hannington					
£	5.00	£	3.50	£	3.50	Mawsley			
£	6.00	£	3.50	£	3.50	£	3.50	Broughton / Pytchley	
£	7.00	£	6.00	£	5.00	£	4.00	£	3.50
£	7.00	£	6.00	£	5.00	£	4.00	£	3.50
								£	3.00
									Kettering

Passengers using our service in **on demand zone** can book by **calling, texting, emailing us or via online form**. For information contact us or visit cmbus.org/78D.
CMB hotline 07888 011 891